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METHOD FOR ANALYZING IN-LINE QC TEST PARAMETERS

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

The following is a summary of the telephonic interview conducted with the examiner on March 3, 2005.

Appl. No. 10/604,244 Interview Summary

On the morning of March 3, 2005, United States Patent Agent Scott Margo (Reg. No. 56,277) conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Toan Le and his supervising examiner John Barlow for discussing the final rejection of claim 1.

Agent Margo stated that the last limitation of claim 1 was not clearly taught by the Fan et al. reference cited in the Office actions dated 09/10/2004 and 12/28/2004. Specifically, the Fan et al. reference did not appear to teach the use of high-yield product stocks for generating a correlation between items, as is recited in the final limitation of the original claim 1:

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"generating a correlation to illustrate the relationship between the in-line QC test item and the sample test item, or the relationship between the in-line QC test item and the wafer test item according to the searched high-yield product stocks."

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Examiner Le cited page 172, 2nd column, section "Control Policy Re-evaluation" of the Fan et al. reference as a relevant passage that teaches this limitation. In this passage, Fan et al. teach that if the dependency (i.e. the correlation) between in-line parameters and equipment is strong, the dependency can be used. However, if there is no significant dependency, the sampling strategy is re-evaluated in order to allow for the inclusion of higher yield products in the samples, thereby strengthening the dependency.

In concluding the interview, Agent Margo said that the additional claims and arguments would be presented in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to help distinguish the claimed invention from the Fan et al. reference.

Appl. No. 10/604,244 Interview Summary

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